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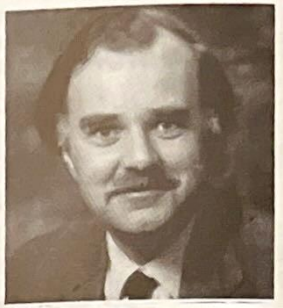

DR. JOHN HAWORTH

It is my pleasant duty, as President of Cumbria County Rugby League, to welcome you all to Craven Park tonight for this prestigious match. An especial welcome must be extended to the Australian team and management. Those of us who were lucky enough to be present at Brunton Park, Carlisle, on the occasion of the last Cumbria — Australia match in 1982 will not forget the feast of attacking rugby that the visitors laid before us. I hope that we see a similar open match tonight, although as Cumbrians, naturally, we hope that the result will be different from the last match! I feel that we have chosen a strong Cumbrian side which will provide tough opposition tonight.

I must pay tribute to British Nuclear Fuels Ltd. who have, once again, agreed to sponsor this County match, and the County cup matches earlier in the season. They have continued to be generous sponsors of Rugby League in Cumbria, both at Club and Representative level. We are very grateful to them for their commitment to the game.

I am sure that tonight will be a splendid occasion, no matter which side you support. Let us hope that the match will be played in the best traditions of Rugby League.

I would like to wish our visitors well for the rest of their tour, except perhaps, in the Test Matches!

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The Cumbria County Rugby League would like to thank all those people who have helped in whatever way in the staging of this evenings game. In particular BNFL Sellafield for their continued support of Cumbria Rugby League. All those who took advertising space in tonights magazine and also The Rugby League Record Keepers' Club, R. Morgan, S. Hughes and G. Coulter.

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MEET THE 1986 AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS

BRETT KENNY — Club: Parramatta (N.S.W.), Position: Stand Off/Centre, Age: 25, Height: 6.00, Weight: 13.13.
Holder of 11 Test caps, six on the 1982 Kangaroo Tour plus four tries, two against the 1984 Lions and three in this year's series with New Zealand when he collected five tries. Made eight appearances on the 1982 Tour of Britain, notching a brace of tries. Became the first Australian to win the coveted Lance Todd Trophy in 1985.

LES KISS — Club: North Sydney (N.S.W.), Position: Winger, Age: 22, Height: 5.09, Weight: 11.11.
Gained his three caps against New Zealand and Papua New Guinea — two tries — this year. Represented Queensland this season to add to honours with Wide Bay and Bundaberg between 1982-84.

TERRY LAMB — Club: Canterbury-Bankstown (N.S.W.), Position: Stand-Off, Age: 25, Height: 5.05, Weight: 11.00.
Awarded two caps against New Zealand this year. Has been a regular for New South Wales and Sydney since 1982. Served Western Suburbs from 1979 until joining Canterbury Bankstown in 1984. Player of the Year in 1983.

PAUL LANGMACK — Club: Canterbury-Bankstown (N.S.W.), Position: Back Row Forward, Age: 21, Height: 5.11, Weight: 13.12.
Uncapped at Test level, represented Sydney for the past two seasons, Sydney and New South Wales Under-18s in 1983 and Australian Schoolboys in 1982. Graded with Canterbury Bankstown in 1985.

WALLY LEWIS — Club: Wynnum-Manly (Qld.), Position: Stand Off, Age: 26, Height: 6.00, Weight: 14.06.
Has amassed 18 Test caps, being captain of Australia since 1984. Made his Test debut with two appearances against the French tourists in 1981, adding two caps versus the 1982 Kiwis. Further caps came on the 1982 Tour (3), against New Zealand in 1983 (2), the 1984 Lions (3), on the 1985 Tour of New Zealand (3), and all three Tests against the Kiwis this year. Has scored four tries and one drop goal in the Test arena.

BOB LINDER — Club: Wynnum-Manly (Qld.), Position: Loose Forward, Age: 24, Height: 5.11, Weight: 13.05.
Has represented Queensland and Brisbane for the past three seasons. Played with Southern Suburbs in Brisbane for two years before joining Wynnum-Manly in 1985. Selected for the 1985 Tour of New Zealand.

MAL MENINGA — Club: Canberra (N.S.W.), Position: Centre, Age: 26, Height: 6.00, Weight: 14.13.
Capped 15 times for Australia, the tally includes three Tests in Britain in 1982 and two against the 1984 Lions. Has scored five tries and 49 goals for a Test total of 114 points. On the 1982 Tour of Britain, amassed 118 points with 50 goals and six tries in 10 appearances. His tally of 21 goals and 48 points were both records for an Anglo-Aussie Test series in Britain. His eight goals in the first Test also broke the record for most goals in an Anglo-Aussie Test in this country.

GENE MILES — Wynnum-Manly (Qld.), Position: Centre, Age: 27, Height: 6.01, Weight: 14.13.
Capped eight times for Australia. A 1982 Kangaroo tourist scored a try in six games in Britain. A regular with Queensland and Brisbane since 1981 and a Queensland tourist in Britain in 1983.

CHRIS MORTIMER — Club: Canterbury-Bankstown (N.S.W.), Position: Centre, Age: 26, Height: 5.11, Weight: 13.06.
Won his first cap against New Guinea, scoring a try. Has represented New South Wales for the past three seasons and New South Wales Country for the past two campaigns.

BRYAN NIEBLING — Club: Redcliffe (Qld.), Position: Second Row Forward, Age: 26, Height: 6.01 Weight: 14.13.
Capped seven times for Australia, playing in all three Tests against the 1984 Lions, and the 1986 Kiwis and the Test against Papua New Guinea. This year was joint winner of the Rothmans Medal in Brisbane and voted Brisbane Rugby League Writers' Player of the Year.

MICHAEL O'CONNER — Club: St. George (N.S.W.), Position: Centre, Age: 25, Height: 5.10, Weight: 13.01.
His three Test caps were all gained against New Zealand this year, contributing 11 goals and a try for a 26-point haul. Played 13 Rugby Union Tests for Australia between 1979-82. Voted Centre of the Year 1986, will join Manly-Warringah next season.

MEET THE 1986 AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS

STEVE ROACH — Club: Balmain (N.S.W), Position: Prop Forward, Age: 24, Height: 6.02, Weight: 16.07.
Holder of 7 Test caps, 6 gained against New Zealand and 1 against Papua New Guinea in October, scoring his second Test try. Graded with Balmain in 1982 as the winner of the most improved player award, graduating to being chosen as Prop of the Year 1986.

DALE SHEARER — Club: Manly-Warringah (N.S.W.), Position: Winger, Age: 21, Height: 5.11, Weight: 12.04.
A try scorer on his sole Test appearance for Australia against New Zealand this year. Has represented Queensland at Baseball and Athletics.

ROYCE SIMMONS — Club: Penrith (N.S.W.), Position: Hooker, Age: 26, Height: 5.06, Weight: 13.01.
Has gained 4 Test caps as an ever present against New Zealand this year, plus the Test against Papua New Guinea. Joined Penrith in 1981 to become the first Penrith player to represent Australia since the club entered the Sydney competition in 1967. Voted Captain of the Year 1984.

PAUL SIRONEN — Club: Balmain (N.S.W.), Position: Second Row Forward, Age: 21, Height: 6.05, Weight: 16.05.
Won his first cap as a substitute against Papua New Guinea. Has represented Sydney this year, Australian Schoolboys in 1983 and New South Wales Catholic Schoolboys in 1982. Received a University scholarship to play grid-iron in Hawaii in 1983.

PETER STERLING — Club: Parramatta (N.S.W.), Position: Scrum Half, Age: 27, Height: 5.08, Weight: 11.02.
Awarded nine caps for Australia, with 5 Test appearances on the 1982 Kangaroos Tour, one on the 1983 Tour of New Zealand, and three against the Kiwis this year. He scored one try against Britain in 1982 and a try and a drop goal against New Zealand this year. Played eight Tour matches in Britain in 1982, scoring five tries. Has won the titles of Player of the Year, Scrum Half of the Year, and Sydney Rugby League Writers' Player of the Year 1986. Served Hull during the 1984/85 season.

JOHN FLEMING — (Manager)
Appointed Manager of Australia for this year's Tests with New Zealand. Took charge of New South Wales in the 1986 State of Origin series, having managed the State side in 1980. Joined the Football Committee of the St. George Club in 1969, being appointed as Secretary in 1977. Life membership of the club was bestowed in 1980.

GORDON TREICHEL — (Business Manager).
Co-Manager of Australia for the Tests with Great Britain in 1984 and New Zealand in 1986. A Director of Queensland Rugby League for four years, has managed the Brisbane representative side since 1977. A Life Member of Brisbane club side Western Suburbs, he has provided 24 years service including nine years as Secretary and four as President. Played with Southern Suburbs in Brisbane.

DON FURNER — (Coach).
Appointed Australian coaching supremo this year, securing a 3-0 victory over New Zealand. Started his club coaching career with a 13 year stint with Queanbeyan Blues, graduating to serve Sydney's Eastern Suburbs (1970-72), Monaro (1977-78) and Canberra (1982-86). Took charge of the New South Wales Country side in 1969 and 1975-77. As a player, represented Australia in 1955 and 1956, when he toured Britain as a Kangaroo, scoring three goals in 10 appearances. Served Toowoomba for five years from 1952 and gained honours with Queensland and Brisbane.

DR. BILL MONAGHAN — (Medical Officer).
Long serving adviser to the Australian, New South Wales and Sydney teams. Overseas duties have featured Kangaroo Tours and 12 visits to New Zealand. A Life Member of the Newtown Club and a Vice-President of the New South Wales Rugby League.

LARRY BRITTON — (Trainer).
Having played with Canterbury-Bankstown juniors until 1973, joined South Sydney club as trainer in 1974, moving to Canterbury Bankstown in 1976 for a 10 year stint. Graduated to representative duties in 1985 with Australia, N.S.W., and Sydney. Highly Qualified, he is a lecturer in sports medicine

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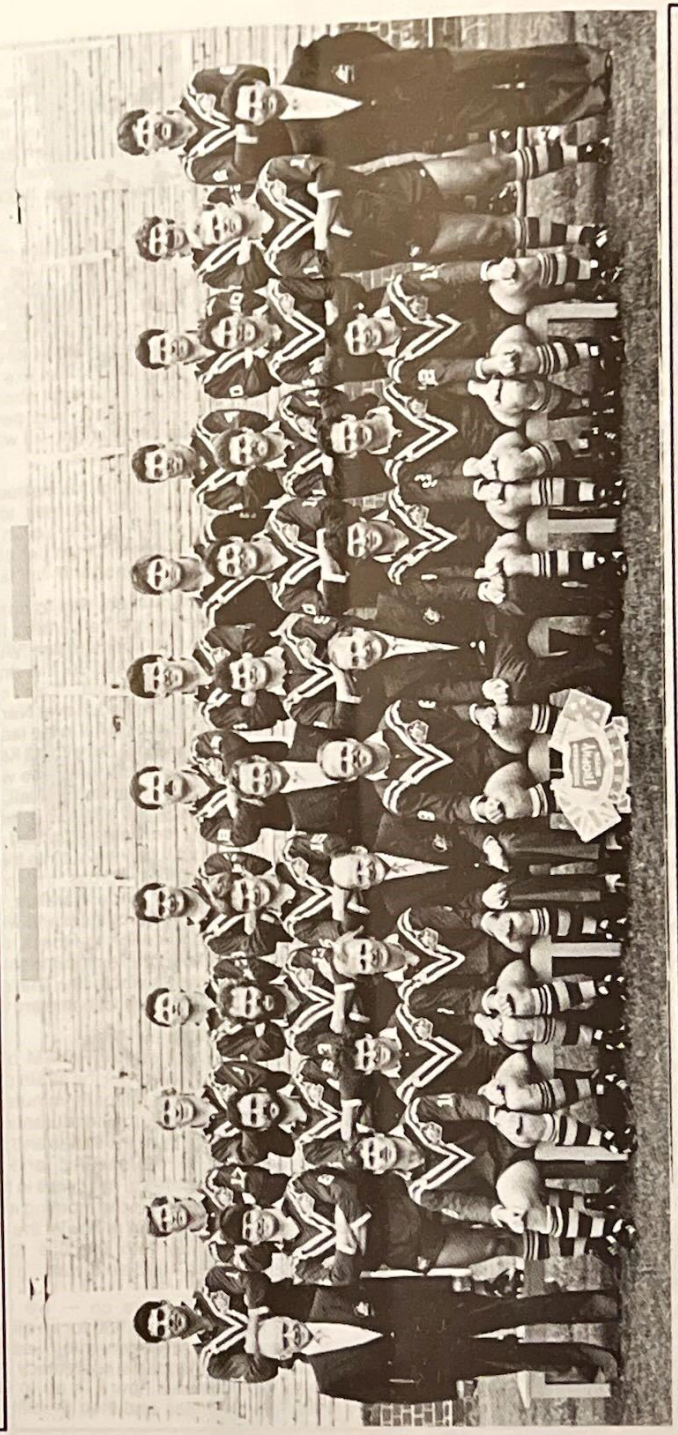

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"THE BATTLE OF BRISBANE"

recalled by TOM MITCHELL
1958 Gt. Britain Team Manager

The so called "Battle of Brisbane" 1932 wasn't worthy of the name "Battle" in the sporting sense. After all, there was conflict between player and player, there were survival conflicts not covered by the rule book, however justified the players involved thought they were.

That 1958 Test at Brisbane was a question of survival all right, but rather an epic of endurance beyond belief without even a hint of calculated infliction of injury by the Australian Test squad. It was a TEST — a red blooded Test between two fine sides —giving the best that the League Game can produce.

How then did five of the Gt. Britain team finish up in a hospital ward, that looked for all the world like a casualty clearing station? Team managers often get carried away with charges of FOUL when their players are sidelined with serious injury. I am now saying **quite** categorically that any such assumptions over the unprecedented injury list of the tourists were without foundation.

In sequence .....

1) At twenty nine minutes from the kick-off David Bolton our mercurial stand-off, with a shattered collar bone and arm in sling on the 'ringside' bench was saying with tears in his eyes: "I've let you down Tom." Well, without our probing speedy threequarter link man it looked like 'curtains' to some. **No replacements** in '58 remember.

2) But long before the half-time whistle, captain and example Alan Prescott has his left forearm 'Hanging loose' with a compound fracture. It is mind bending to think that if Brian Davies the Queensland prop had been less of a gentleman than he truly was, he could have, by feigned ignorance, have literally torn off his opponents arm. I'll never forget that sporting act of a true sportsman; allowing Prescott to lay his arm gingerly across the shoulders of hooker Harris.

In the interval, the captain refused painkillers, refused to accept the advice given to me by an Aussie doctor that: "This man must not resume." His arm was 'strengthened' with a 'splint' of ordinary cotton bandages. To this day I believe that if Prescott hadn't taken the field, crippled as he was, to direct operations, the Ashes were lost.

3) Eric Frazer, sound tactician and so very reliable, fully recovered from the foot injury which, with hindsight from all concerned, surely should have kept him out of the cauldron of the first Test now sustained an elbow dislocation with a broken blood vessel enlarging the joint to soccer ball proportions. Eric played it down and carried on with a disability which in normal circumstances would have taken him off the field immediately and onto hospital.

4) Jim Challinor, a superb centre — in scoring a vital try, came down heavily on his suspect right shoulder (space forbids an expose of that old injury) and came over to the bench rightly expecting some attention (even sympathy?).
In later years, Jim told me that in all his life he never had words spoken to him like the ones that reached his ears as he sought attention. And as Ike Southward his winger and personal friend said to him: "Serves you right — I was waiting for the ball — the try was mine."

Suffice to say that he took his instructions like the Test man he was and returned to the contest without treatment. We couldn't even afford half-a-minute with only nine fit men (let alone eight) to repel the Aussie onslaught in full flow.

5) The final bad moment was to come. The team were out for the second half, and as I was about to follow them I looked back to see 'Wild Bull of the Pampas' Karalius rooted to the dressing room bench — "Vincent we're out." "Can't move Thomas — it's me back" he replied. If ever Nemesis looked any manager of any sport full in the face, it was then. Prescott was on the field but without Karalius, now in the key role of stand-off, the game was up. I tried lifting him from the front to no avail. I half turned him and somehow got him to his feet, and like a boxer out on his feet he was lurched across to the tunnel. A final push got him out into the "arena" and he literally teetered across the pitch gaining balance with every stride. Karalius, not a heavyweight, just 14 stones of steel and whipcord, with a superlative dedication to fitness, was the ideal tourist and a fearsome Test opponent believing as he did in his own invincibility. That's how friendships, forged in the heat of battle are welded for all time.

For five players it was HEROISM of the highest order but let us not forget the strain placed on the other seven (Bolton off for 51 minutes remenber), their feats of stamina, their endurance and their indomitable will to level the series and on to Sydney for the decider. "Heroes All" and "The Lions' Finest Hour" — were the headlines in the Australian Press. At one o'clock in the morning at a somewhat chastened celebration review of the game, Eddie Waring came up with the title for the game, "Prescott's Epic," and so it was!

And now — 28 years on — we welcome the Australian Tourists of 1986 for an all too brief visit to Cumbria. In the intervening years they have achieved commendable supremacy in the world's finest ball game — now it is up to Gt. Britain to match their fitness and their mobility.

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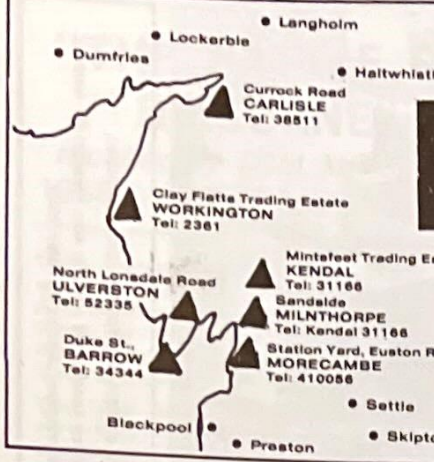
A jubilant Gt. Britain side after their record breaking third Test victory over Australia by 40 pts to 17 pts on 19th July 1958 to clinch the Ashes.
Pictured left to right: Tom Mitchell (Workington Town), Alan Davies (Oldham), Ike Southward (Workington Town), Vince Karalius (St. Helens), Alan Prescott (St. Helens), Mick Sullivan (Wigan), Brain McTigue, half hidden (Wigan), Phil Jackson (Barrow), Eric Frazer (Warrington), Johnny Whiteley (Hull).



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B.N.F.L. STEP IN ..... SO KANGAROO KIDS ARE COMING!

British Nuclear Fuels whose investment in County RL at all levels is considerable, have stepped in to save one of Cumbria Amateur Rugby League's showpiece games of the Season.

Next month's match between Cumbria Under 19's and the all conquering combined Australia High Schools hung in the balance until B.N.F.L. answered a sponsorship SOS.

Jackie Reid, Chairman of the Cumbria Amateur RL Selection Committee who are arranging the tour fixture against the invincible Kangaroo kids, said: "This is marvellous news. Because of our financial position it was touch and go whether we could accept and do justice to this important match.

We took the game on a split vote but everything hinged on getting suitable sponsorship. B.N.F.L. have agreed to provide accommodation for the 30 strong party for their three day stay as well as sponsoring the match.

"It's a God send which really has saved the day."

Now that all doubts have been removed the Junior Kangaroos are set to kick-off their seven match tour in West Cumbria. It's hoped to stage the game at Whitehaven Recreation Ground on Sunday 30th November, but final details depend on whether or not Whitehaven are drawn home or away in the John Player Trophy on that day.

Boasting an impressive, unbeaten record in Test matches, the Australian High Schools are the breeding ground for the Aussie stars of the future and have already produced some of their biggest names.

Sixty-one ex high school starlets are currently playing first grade in Sydney.

Maurice Oldroyd, BARLA's national administrator, said: "This is a prestigious game and I'm delighted that it will go ahead as planned."

We want the tour to start in West Cumbria for the simple reason that it will be another boost for the area as well as giving these young Australians the chance to sample some of that famous Cumbrian hospitality and friendship.

This Australian squad is so successful and talented that they have been described as the Creme de la Creme of sport at this age level.

They arrive here the week after the Senior Kangaroos have left for home and will provide another tremendous challenge.

The Cumbrian lads will have the first chance to impress and stake their claims for Great Britain places in the two Tests at Wigan and Elland Road.

Jackie Reed will manage Britain's under 19 team with Barry Smith of Kells, assisting Phil Larder with the coaching.

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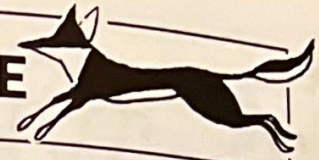

DAVID LIGHTFOOT (Whitehaven): Superb full-back prospect signed from Egremont Rangers during July 1984 in the face of stiff competition from Wigan, Barrow and Salford. Turned in an excellent performance for Cumbria in August last year against Gt. Britain.

LES QUIRK (Barrow): Fleet footed winger regarded as Barrow's best flanker since Bill Burgess. Signed professional with the Furness club from Dalton juniors in November 1982. Caught Maurice Bamford's eye during the Cumbria v Gt. Britain encounter at Derwent Park last season.

DAVID BECK (Workington T.): Product of the Workington Zebras RU club. Joined Town in December 1978. One of only two remaining members of Cumbria's 1981 County Championship squad. Played against New Zealand last season and the 1983 Australian tourists.

MICK JAMES (Barrow): Extremely talented winger, fast and elusive. Arrived at Barrow from Millom A.R.L.C. in November 1980 after winning amateur international honours. Made his league debut during 1981/82 when he scored 4 tries in 28 appearances. In the squad for the first time.

NORMAN LOFTHOUSE (Whitehaven): Block-busting wingman who has made rapid progress since turning professional in August. Immediately won a regular first team berth at the Recreation Ground. His selection for the County squad represents a fairy tale start for the former Mirehouse junior.

RALPH McCONNELL (Whitehaven): Stand-off who needs no introduction to the Barrow faithful after completing ten years service at Craven Park before his recent move to the "Recry". Former Wath Brow Hornets amateur and member of Cumbria's last County Championship winning team.

KEVIN PAPE (Carlisle): Exciting middle-back who has attracted the attention of Gt. Britain selectors. Joined the "Cumbrians" from Glasson in June 1984 and made an immediate impact on 2nd Division defences. No stranger to representative honours, having toured Australia with BARLA in 1982.

GRAHAM CAMERON (Whitehaven): Classy stand-off who abandoned a promising top class Union career to swap codes in March 1983. Took time to adapt to League but has been turning in fine performances to justify his elevation to the County squad.

DAVID CAIRNS (Barrow): Richly talented former Gt. Britain Test scrum-half unlucky not to have made the last tour down under. Signed by the "Shipbuilders" from Askham. Played against Australia in 1983 and New Zealand last season. Capped twice at Under 24 level and twice at full international.

GARY SMITH (Workington T.): Highly talented stand-off or centre. Joined the paid ranks from Egremont Rangers when he followed dad, Bill, to Derwent Park. Kicked Cumbria's three goals against New Zealand at Whitehaven last October.

ALAN BANKS (Whitehaven): Evergreen hooker recalled to the County side last season against New Zealand. Played in four Lancashire Cup Finals for Workington Town before Blackpool paid out a club record fee for his services. Spent a brief period at Carlisle before settling at Haven in November 1982.

COLIN FALCON (Workington T.): Vastly underated forward who gives 110 per cent every time. Totally deserves selection after consistently good performances at club level. Joined Town in October 1980 from West Cumbrian amateurs Clifton Lions. In the County squad for the first time.

STEVE HERBERT (Salford): Experienced forward now at the Willows after a stint at Craven Park. Began his career with Oldham before a £10,000 fee took him to Barrow in October 1981. Son of former Workington Town and Gt. Britain Test star Norman Herbert.

JEFF SIMPSON (Whitehaven): Strong running, hard tackling forward currently in Maurice Bamford's Gt. Britain squad for the forthcoming Test series. Former Moresby Rugby Union convert, changing codes in July 1981.

DAVE KENDALL (Barrow): Tough tackling forward who makes the squad for the first time — following brother Gary who gained County honours last season. Been at Craven Park since April 1985 when he joined the pro. game from Holker Pioneers.

STEVE MOSSOP (Barrow): Industrious forward whose attributes are well known at Craven Park. Excellent defender who hails from the prolific Millom nursery.

STEVE MAGUIRE (Workington T.): Signed by Town from Galsson Rangers in October 1982 as a stand-off. Now an accomplished back-row-forward who caught Maurice Bamford's attention and played in the Gt. Britain pack against St. Helens recently.

MILTON HUDDART (Carlisle): Creative back-row-forward recently returned from a stint in Australia. Former England International. Joined Carlisle from Whitehaven for a substantial fee in 1984. On his day can match the best.

LES HOLLIDAY (Swinton): Another back-rower who oozes class. Son of former Cumbria and Gt. Britain skipper Bill Holliday. Signed by the "Lions" from Folly Lane juniors in June 1982 and recently made his 100th senior appearance.

BILL PATTINSON (Workington T.): Superb all-round packman currently in his benefit year at Derwent Park. Former England International, unyielding in defence and devastating attacker. Appeared for Cumbria against the last Australian and New Zealand touring sides.

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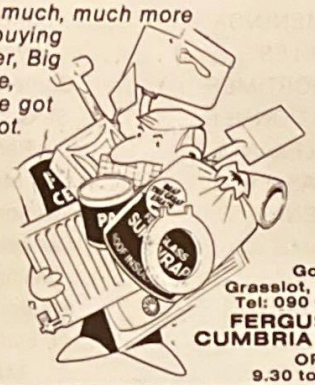

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WAS BROUGH'S TEAM THE GREATEST?

asks Alan Irving

JIM BROUGH

The brilliant 1982 Kangaroos were dubbed by some as "the greatest ever touring side". Many, especially those with longer memories, would disagree. The arrival of the 1986 Kangaroos follows so soon the death, at the age of 82, of Jim Brough, a Cumbrian who will be remembered in the annals of Rugby League for his legendary feats for both club and country.

As a player, he captained the 1936 Great Britain Tourists to a series success in Australia and, in 1958, he coached Alan Prescott's famous Ashes winning Tourists. Brough and his team manager, Tom Mitchell, were convinced that their Test team would have proved just too good for the '82 Kangaroos who faced weak Great Britain opposition.

Cumbria had a great influence on that tour for besides the coach and team manager, we had Dick Huddart (Haven); Ike Southward, Harry Archer, Brian Edgar, Bill Wookey (All Town); Phil Jackson, Dennis Goodwin (Barrow) and Cumbrian born Alvin Ackerley (Halifax).

The name of Jim Brough is immortal and, as a county tribute to him, I would like to reproduce the following article he wrote on his return from that 1958 triumph:

"This was a Great Side," says Jim Brough, "It was my privilege and pleasure to accompany the 1958 Great Britain RL team to Australia and New Zealand as the first official Coach, and as such earned for myself the responsibility of having to keep the players fit and in form.

Having made two previous visits as a player in 1928 and 1936 I was completely aware of the damage typical Australian hospitality could do.

But trying to convince my charges of this was not by any means an easy task. Whether my efforts met with success or not is not for me to say. I prefer to be judged by results.

It means that I also earned for myself the job of trying to compare this successful 1958 side with not only those of my day, but also of all the post-war sides which have visited the Antipodes.

Now, somebody once said that comparisons are odious and got the credit of being a sage. He may have been right, but he could have added, too, that comparisons are also illuminating and interesting.

In the first place one has to judge in such a comparison by the conditions and the opposition.

The foundation of our success was laid by our forwards, just as it was in 1936 by a pack comprising Silcock, Armitt, Woods, Arkwright, Hodgson and Beverley. "The best ever" claimed the Aussies then.

Were they as good as Prescott, Harris, McTigue, Huddart, Whitley and Karalius? And behind them, were Watkins and Jenkins as good as Murphy and Bolton?

Then one can also ask, were the Aussie forwards of 1936, Stehr, Fairvall, Curran, Pearce, Heidke and Prigg as good as their 1958 pack of Marsh, Kearney, Davies, Mossop, Provan and O'Shea?

I could go on for ever making comparisons and end up nowhere. What I can say, however, and without fear of contradiction, is that the 1958 side belied the opinions expressed before leaving England.

We were given very little hope of success where the World Cup side had failed, or of doing what the 1950 or 1954 teams had failed to do. There had been a ban on the signing of Colonials for several years. "The Aussies were bound to be stronger", they said. And the fact that four players cried off didn't help matters.

But Prescott's team brought home the Ashes, had a record number of wins, a record high score of 40 points in a Test match and played before record crowds.

Not only that, they also turned on, on every occasion, a brand of rugby football which delighted and appealed.

The backing up of the side was splendid. So also was their tackling which was always performed in a thorough manner. The latter undoubtedly had a great deal to do with our success. It was something the Aussies were not quite used to and in particular was an upsetting influence in the Test games.

As for individual players, there is no doubt that young Murphy, at scrum half, was the presiding genius of a back division which never failed to play up to his lead.

And outhalf David Bolton, so much like Stan Brogden in many ways, proved too that he was the right man to add the speed so necessary to bring the full power of our back division into action, with the least possible delay and the greatest effect. There was never anything showy about Eric Fraser's play, but he was usually as safe as the proverbial rock, and his goalkicking was excellent.

Sullivan and Southward left their mark, so also did Huddart, Karalius, Harris, Whiteley, McTigue and Prescott. The latter, particularly for the part he played in our Second Test victory at Brisbane. Though much has been said and written about Alan's return to the field with a broken arm, little or nothing has been said about the courage of Jim Challinor and Eric Fraser, both of whom were badly injured early in the game. Challinor, torn ligaments in his shoulders, Fraser a kick on the elbow — at one time a suspected fracture.

Whatever Rugby League football holds for me in the future, memories will cling to 1958 and a grand bunch of fellows who became a team that confounded the critics, and delighted thousands of Australians and New Zealanders with all that is best in RL football — the "British Lions".

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The second Whitbread Trophy Bitter Test match will be at Elland Road, Leeds on Saturday 8th November and the third Test Match — a World Cup qualifying match — will be staged at Central Park, Wigan on Saturday 22nd November. All three Whitbread Trophy Bitter Test Matches will be televised by BBC Television.

Australia has not been beaten by Great Britain since 1978. The Australians last visit to Britain was in 1982 when they not only became the first tourists to win all three test matches in this country, but also the first touring side to win all their tour matches.

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The all conquering Australian Tourists pictured before the historic match with Cumbria at Carlisle on November 9th, 1982. The amazing Aussies went on to thrash Cumbria (41-2) just as they did most of the opposition on their unbeaten Tour.

BACK: (from left): Steve Rodgers, John Ribot, Rohan Hancock, Greg Brentnall, Wayne Pearce, John Muggleton, Wally Lewis, Don McKinnon, Max Krilich, Ray Price, Ian Shubert, Mal Meninga. FRONT: Kerry Boustead, Peter Sterling, Steve Ella. Picture Courtesy: BRUCE FOSTER.

AUSTRALIAN RUGBY LEAGUE TOURING TEAM

1986/87 KANGAROOS

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CUMBRIA COUNTY 1982

The Cumbria side pictured before the 1982 clash with Australia at Brunton Park.
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MEMORIES OF AUSTRALIAN VISITS TO CUMBRIA *by Bob Goulter*

TO embark on the task of compiling memories of Cumbrian club and county meetings with Australia was a daunting one. To do them justice in limited space proved an impossible one. But as an appetizer for tonight's attraction we take an all too brief look back at past encounters.

Rugby League fans — that is, the older ones — will recall George Smith the former Oldham and New Zealand winger. Long before George played at Watersheddings he came to this country with a New Zealand Rugby Union team — the 1907 "All Blacks" — and became interested in "Northern Union" football. On his return to New Zealand he joined forces with A. H. Baskerville of Wellington and together they organised the first-ever Rugby League touring team. Incidentally that New Zealand R.U. side played 35 games in England and won 19.

The pioneers returned home via Australia where three games were played under R.U. rules. The initiative in Sydney was supplied by R.U. men who were discontented with their own administration particularly in respect of the treatment handed out to injured players. Baskerville's pioneering efforts into the realms of professionalism aroused their interest and enthusiasm. Ably led by former cricketer, Victor Trumper, they were not loath to provide a guarantee for Baskerville's team. The games showed a profit and a new league was born. But only just!

The decision to adopt "Northern Union" rules and forsake those of Rugby Union football was carried by the casting vote of the President, Harry Hoyle. Australia might never have taken up the game if Harry's vote had been cast the other way.

There were seven clubs in Sydney during the first season and interest also spread to other area's — notably Newcastle. Recruits from Rugby Union were many and a team of 35 players, managed by secretary J. J. Giltiman, made the first trip to England in 1908/09. They were truly men of iron — they played 45 matches in all, winning 22 and drawing six!

The tour was not a financial success but nevertheless Australia entertained a team from England the following season, and 50,000 people watched one of the games — a game between Australasia and England. There were two New Zealanders in the Australasian team — hence the name — a name which was not dropped until 1924, although four years earlier a 100 per cent Australian team did take the field in an international match — and won the Ashes!

Returning to that inaugural tour of 1908/09 however, the party arrived at Tilbury on 27th September and included Herbert "Dally" Messenger who had toured the previous season with New Zealand, the legendary Albert Rosenfield and Jimmy Devereaux the tourists top try scorer with 17, and who later joined Hull. Their first ever game in Cumberland was at the Recreation Ground during October 1908, when they romped home by 52 points to 10, against a Cumberland Senior Select XIII.

The teams and scorers on that historic occasion were:-

SENIOR LEAGUE SELECT: J. Robley (Brookland); D. Hannah (Brookland), W. Barnes (Workington), E. Gilbert (Millom), A. H. Sirrett (Millom); J. W. Milburn (Workington), J. Morgan (Millom); A. W. Hutton (Brookland), H. Armstrong (Brookland), J. Kelly, five goals, J. Skelton (Millom), T. Hughes (Barrow), C. Brown (Barrow).

AUSTRALIA: M. Bolewski; A. D. Morton, try and three goals, W. G. Heidke, J. Devereaux, three tries, H. H. Messenger, two tries and eight goals; S. P. Deane, try, A. Butler; L. O'Malley, J. S. H. Rosewall, E. T. Courtney, try, T. J. McCabe, J. M. Davis, P. Walsh, two tries.

Barrow had their first visit during November, the tourists taking the honours by 21 points to five. Barrow scored through a Logan try and Fallowfield drop-goal.

BARROW: Gifford; Fox, Friend, Logan, Blackburn; Kenny, Fallowfield; Morgan, Hannah, McMaster, Bowers, Brown, Ainsworth.

AUSTRALIA: Bolewski; Heidke, Devereaux, Deane, Messenger, try and three goals; Butler, Anlezark; Graves, Abercrombie, O'Malley, two tries, Pearce, McCabe, try, Walsh, try.

The "Shipbuilders" full-back, H. Gifford, must have created some kind of record, appearing on no less than nine separate occasions against the Kangaroos for England, Lancashire, Northern R.L. and Barrow.

The first confrontation between the "full" Cumberland side and Australia took place at Carlisle's Devonshire Park on 4th February, 1909 — the county emerging victors by 11 points to two in front of a 2,000 crowd, who paid a total of £50 for the privilege. Cumberland's points came from Wedgewood, Parkinson and Lomas tries, the latter also kicking a goal.

The teams that Thursday afternoon — CUMBERLAND: Eagers (Hunslet); Wedgewood (Halifax), Fletcher (Workington), Lomas (Salford), Parkinson (Hunslet); Flynn (Broughton R.), Dixon (Oldham); Ferguson (Oldham), J. L. Clampitt (Broughton R.), Nansen (Oldham), R. Clampitt (Broughton R.), Brown (Barrow), Warwick (Salford).

AUSTRALIA: Bolewski; Messenger, goal, Morton, Devereaux, Heidke; Anlezark, Holloway; Abercrombie, Courtney, Lutge, Pearce, Burdon, Graves.

Towards the end of the mammoth itinerary, Barrow gained revenge for the earlier defeat with a superb 11-3 triumph. Cumberland centre Treloare, Bowers and Bamber ran in tries with Gifford tagging on a goal. Second-row-forward Burdon got Australia's lone score.

BARROW: Gifford; Fox, Treloare, Healy, Bamber; Burns, Fallowfield; Morgan, Brown, Thompson, Hughes, Jardine, Bowers.

AUSTRALIA: Messenger; Cheadle, Devereaux, Bolewski, Hadley; Anlezark, Holloway; Graves, O'Malley, McCabe, Courtney, Burdon, Hardcastle.

The tour of 1911/12 saw the Australian's take up residence in Southport, where a large house called Gordon Lodge had been taken over for their accommodation. They arrived on 16th September, with a real live Wallaby. The tour lasted until 10th February, when they left for home via London having performed far better than their colleagues on the previous tour.

They lost the Test series 2-0, with the other match drawn. In all they won 25 of their 35 games — two of which were gained against Barrow with emphatic 44-8 and 22-5 scorelines.

Cumberland also fell foul in their tussle at Maryport's Athletic Ground, going under five points to two in front of a 7,000 crowd. Joe Ferguson kicked a second-half penalty in reply to Australia's interval lead, secured with a Craig try and Russell goal.

On duty that day — CUMBERLAND: Davidson (Broughton R.); Treloare (Barrow), Morgan (Barrow), Taylor (Keithley), Owens (Oldham); Price (Millom), Lomas (Oldham); Ferguson (Oldham), J. L. Clampitt (Broughton R.), Winskill (Broughton R.), Fowler (Hunslet), Blacklock (Barrow).

AUSTRALIA: Hallett; Farnsworth, Frazer, Gilbert, Russell; McKivat, Holloway; Craig, Williams, Savoury, Courtney, McCue, McMurtie.

Barrow again played host during the visit of 1921/22, but were denied that much sought second success over a fine Aussie side, eventually losing 15-24.

The line-ups were as follows — BARROW: W. Spencer; Wallace, Dobson, Metcalfe, try and drop-goal, Doyle; H. Spencer, two tries, Hickton; Daniels, Burgess, Brown, Newman, Bott, Gifford, two goals.

AUSTRALIA: Norman; Carstairs, try, Peters, try, Vest, Blinkhorn, try; Thompson, three goals, Frazier; Prentice, try, Schultz, Burge, try, Latta, try, Richards, Ryan.

The Cumberland fixture was staged at Workington's Lonsdale Park, the Kangaroos recording a 25-12 victory. A superb hat-trick of tries from Burge set the visitors on course and these were added to by Brown, Norman, Craig and Carstairs, with Craig and Carstairs also kicking a goal apiece. Duggie Clark and A. E. Fisher went over for the county, plus three goals from the trusty boot of Joe Ferguson.

On the park that particular Saturday — CUMBERLAND: Parkinson (Oldham); Ward (Leeds), Walmsley (Leeds), A. E. Fisher (Huddersfield), T. Fisher (Huddersfield); Price (Broughton Moor), Ashburner (St. Helens); Ferguson (Oldham), Clark (Huddersfield), Fenwick (Huddersfield), J. C. Fisher (Wath Brow), Errington (Salford), Rorison (Millom).

AUSTRALIA: Frazer; Norman, Laing, Brown, Caples; Craig, Carstairs; Ryan, Prentice, McGrath, Richards, Townsend, Burge.

Barrow pushed the Australian's all the way, when they next met in October 1929, and just failed in a pulsating encounter that had the 10,000 crowd on their toes. Australia edging home 13-10.

Teams and scorers — BARROW: Hampson; Scott, Doyle, Carr, Woods, (two tries); Hocknell, Miller; Banks, Burgess, (two goals), Yarr, Braithwaite, Rawlings, Thornburrow.

AUSTRALIA: Upton; Spencer, Laws, McMillan, Finch, try and two goals; Holmes, try, Busch; Prigg, Treweeke, Kingston, try, Madsen, Bishop, Brogan.

Cumberland however, celebrated with an 8-5 winning margin again at Lonsdale Park. Harry Sunderland fielded an Aussie side of five forwards and an extra back — and paid the penalty! A Billy Holding goal and tries

from Joe Oliver and Barrow's Thornburrow being enough to cancel a Shankland try converted by Weissel. The teams took the field as follows — CUMBERLAND: Holding (Warrington); Reed (Bradford N.), Oliver (Hull), Coulson (Hunslet), Thornburrow (Barrow); Ellis (Hensingham), Brough (Leeds): Clark (Huddersfield), Beetham (Wigan), Braithwaite (Barrow), Hodgson (Swinton), Ashworth (Oldham), Young (Huddersfield).

AUSTRALIA: Kadwell; Shankland, Gorman, Spencer, Maher; Upton, Edwards; Weissel, Treweeke, Kingston, Madsen, Brogan, Steinhort.

The 1933/34 tour was overshadowed by the death en-route of Ray Morris, 37 matches were played, 10 of which were lost, including all three Tests.

A crowd of 5,800 at Whitehaven, saw Cumberland record their second successive victory against Australia by 17 points to 16. Jim Brough and Martin Hodgson getting on the score sheet with a try and goal each. Troup, try, and Oliver, two goals, completed the county scoring.

The tourists holding a one point lead had looked all set for victory when Albert Holdbrook, the referee, ordered a drop-out to Australia under the bar. Bobby Scott, Joe Oliver and Jim Brough all placed themselves to field the ball and have a drop. None of them fielded, but the man who did, passed to Jim Brough and the goal that followed proved to be the last kick of the match, amid scenes of wild enthusiasm.

CUMBERLAND: Scott (Swinton); MacGregor (Swinton), Oliver (Hull), Brough (Leeds), Beattie (Rochdale); Irving (Barrow), Little (Barrow); Wright (Swinton), Lister (Rochdale), E. Hodgson (Oldham), Troup (Barrow), M. Hodgson (Swinton). Dalton (Salford).

AUSTRALIA: Smith; Ridley, try, Brown, five goals, Laws, C. Pearce; Doonar, try, Mead; Gibb, Folwell, Stehr, Doyle, S. Pearce, Prigg.

Barrow's challenge proved to no avail, Australia easily winning 24 points to five.

BARROW: Bennett; Carr, Robinson, Parker, Woods, try; Irvine, Little; Burgess, goal, Jenkins, Yarr, Cayzer, Troup, Thornburrow.

AUSTRALIA: McMillan; Ridley, Brown, try and six goals, C. Pearce, two tries, Gardiner; Dooner, Mead; Madsen, Folwell, Stehr, Doyle, try, S. Pearce, Prigg.

Cumberland were not allocated a fixture in 1937 but Barrow took full advantage of their meeting with a superb 12-8 win.

The BARROW team on that occasion was: French, three goals; Cumberbatch, try, Higgin, McDonnell, Thornburrow; Lloyd, Little; Blackburn, Wood, Skelly, try, Troup, Ayres, Marklew.

Prop Curran was the lone Aussie try scorer while centre Beaton added their only goal.

The tour of 1948 proved thrilling for fans in this part of the world. For while Barrow failed to make it two straight wins, both Workington Town and Cumberland recorded impressive victories.

A depleted Barrow XIII took the tourists all the way before succumbing 5-11. A Spooner goal and Lewthwaite try being insufficient to send the 13,143 spectators home happy. Thompson, Tyquin and Gibbs scored tries for Australia; Graves kicking a solitary goal.

A Workington Town team containing celebrated Australians Mudge, Paskins and McGilvray won the day 10-7 at Borough Park with the following line-up: McGilvray; Graham, try, McAvoy, Paskins, two goals, Large; Gibson, Pepperell, try; Miller, McKeating, Hayton, Mudge, Wareing, Ivison.

The head on collision at Whitehaven proved a tactical battle which Cumberland won, thanks to a fine all-round team performance and a little piece of magic from the legendary Billy Ivison, whose try was the difference between two fine sides. Jeff Bawden added the Cumbrian goal while Kangaroo winger Graves kicked the tourists four points.

CUMBERLAND: G. R. Pepperell (Huddersfield): Lewthwaite (Barrow), S. V. Pepperell (Huddersfield), Bawden (Huddersfield), Carr (Workington T.); Gibson (Workington T.), A. J. Pepperell (Workington T.); Longman (Barrow), McKeating (Workington T.), Hayton (Workington T.), Nicholson (Huddersfield), Telford (Workington T.), Ivison (Workington T.).

AUSTRALIA: Bulgin; McMahon, McRitchie, Horrigan, Graves; O'Connell, Thompson; Hand, Benton, Brosnan, Shubert, Rayner, Cowie.

One interesting fact to emerge from that '48 tour was the total attendance figures of 451,756 for the 27 matches — which still stands as a record for a tour in this country!

The county side were denied a crack at the 1952 tourists, but Barrow, Whitehaven and Workington all faced them ... and defeat! Barrow losing 2-26 in front of a partizan 16,045 crowd. Whitehaven went down 5-15 and Workington were on the wrong side of a 15-27 scoreline.

The WHITEHAVEN side was: S. Fearon, goal; W. Nicholson, Carr, Emery, Harrison; Garratt, Keen, try, McAlone, Richardson, Maxwell, R. Nicholson, James.

WORKINGTON fielded: Cavanagh; Lawrenson, three goals, Paskins, try, Gibson, G. Wilson, try; Dawson, Thomas; Armstrong, Lymer, Henderson, Mudge, try, B. Wilson, Key. Barrow and Australia were represented by — BARROW: Stretch, goal; Lewthwaite, Ducle, Goodwin, Castle; Trelore, Toohey; Webster, McKinnell, Pearson, Grundy, Parker, McGregor.

AUSTRALIA: Churchill; Pidding, three tries and four goals, Hazzard, try, Wells, Carlson, try; Hawick, Donohoe; Hall, Schubert, Gill, Ashton, Collinson, Paul, try.

Four years later the Australians returned for a tour of just 19 games, and again the county side were denied the "pleasure" of entertaining them. Barrow and Whitehaven were both included on the itinery, Barrow failing in their effort — going down 11-25. But Whitehaven scored a memorable first success over the Antipodean visitors by 14-11 in front of a near 11,000 crowd — Churchill's fine side being outplayed in a memorable contest.

The 'HAVEN side that day: McKeown, four goals; Smith, try, Morgan, Tembey, try, Lowden; Reid, Banks; McAlone, Crewdson, Killen, Donaldson, Huddart, Robinson.

The 9,989 who turned up at Craven Park saw the teams take to the field as follows — BARROW: Ball, goal; Lewthwaite, two tries, Leatherbarrow, Goodwin, Castle, try; Horne, Davies; Woosey, McKinnell, Barton, Hinchley, Wilson, Healey.

AUSTRALIA: Churchill, drop-goal; Moir, Poole, try, Watson, Adams, try; Banks, try, Holman, try; Bull, Hammerton, Marsh, try, Provan, Purcell, four goals, O'Shay.

Three years on, the Australian tourists of 1959 returned to face a Cumberland XIII containing seven Whitehaven and six Workington Town players in a scrappy affair at Derwent Park. The Cumbrian side produced what little football was evident, but it all ended unhappily for Syd Lowden who uncharacteristically missed seven out of eight attempts at goal. On the whole, the home side squandered chances galore which cost them dearly.

Highlight of the game was a breathtaking try from half-way by Aussie Test back-rower Brian Hambly. Kelly and Parish added further tries for the visitors with Parish and Tasmusson each kicking a goal.

CUMBERLAND XIII: Lowden, goal; Hughes, try, O'Neil, Gibson, try, Stephenson; Archer, Roper; McAlone, Lynch, W. Martin, Thompson, Tembey, Holliday.

Barrow however, scored their third ever victory over an Australian party — a 12-9 success gained through two Castle tries and three Davies goals. Australian full-back Barnes replied with three penalties. A crowd of 8,459 saw the following teams — BARROW: Dawes; Lowther, Woolveridge, Skeels, Castle; Sharpe, Ball; Hubbold, J. Wilson, Donaldson, Grundy, Delves, D. Wilson.

AUSTRALIA: Barnes; Parish, Riley, Gasnier, Irvine; Brown, Bugdon; Delamere, Kelly, Parcell, Rasmussen, Mossop, Paterson.

Cumberland — newly crowned county champions, three weeks earlier — looked set to give Frank Stanton's 1963 Kangaroos a stern test in a game again with a Derwent Park setting. But despite losing the scrums 14-18, the Aussies cantered to an easy 21-0 victory. Brilliant full-back Les Johns scored two of Australia's five tries; elusive winger Mike Cleary ran in two more and centre Rushworth completed the rout, aided and abetted by three Johns' goals.

A crowd of 8,029 saw the teams take the field as follows — CUMBERLAND: Lowden (Town); Shepherd (Haven), O'Neil (Town), Bell (Town), Colloby (Haven); Archer (Town), McDowell (Haven): Edgar (Town), Lynch (Haven), Tembey (Haven), Moore (Haven), McLeod (Haven), Holliday (Haven).

AUSTRALIA: Johns; Dimond, Rushworth, Lisle, M. Cleary; Gleason, Stanton; Quinn, Kelly, J. Cleary, Day, Wilson, Smyth. Sub.: Langlands for Dimond.

Barrow became the tourists 13th victim, being defeated 18-5 by virtually the same team that put 50 points on Great Britain in the 2nd Test a week later.

BARROW: Tees, goal; Burgess, Challinor, Wookey, Coglan; Matthews, Black; Graham, Redhead, Dufty, Tomlinson, try, Smales.

AUSTRALIA: K. Thornett, try; Irvine, try, Gasnier, try, Langlands, try and three goals, Dimond; Harrison, Muir; Kelly, Walsh, Gallagher, Hambly, R. Thornett, Raper.

Derwent Park, scene of previous "battles" was the 1967 venue for Cumberland's last triumph over the Australian's. A most memorable day saw Great Britain captain, Bill Holliday, kicking the four goals that proved decisive in a match witnessed by 7,545 spectators.

Taking the field without the legendary figure, Reg Gasnier, who was nursing a broken ankle, the tourists were 17-7 down by the 70th minute, but stormed back to lose by the narrowest of margins at 17-15.

Cumberland's tries came from Weir (2) and Hill, with a Test strength Aussie side replying

with three tries from Smith, Lynch and Irvine, plus goals from McDonald (2) and a drop-goal from scrum-half, Smith.

CUMBERLAND: Charlton (Town); Wear (Barrow), Southward (Town), Bell (Town), Davies (Town); Kitchin (Town), Roper (Haven); Holliday (Hull K.R.), Hill (Haven), D. Martin (Town), Kirkbride (Town), Moore (Haven), Pattinson (Town). Subs.: McLeod (Haven) for Moore.

AUSTRALIA: Johns; Irvine, Langlands, McDonald, King; Branson, Smith; P. M. Gallagher, Kelly, Sattler, Lynch, Rasmussen, Raper. Subs.: Greaves and N. J. Gallagher.

In a tight finish at Craven Park, five goals — Tees (4) and Brophy (drop-goal) — were enough for Barrow to share the spoils in a 10-all draw. Australia's points coming through tries from loose-forward Coote and hooker Walters. Johns kicked a field goal and Gleeson was on target with a drop-kick.

The tourists returned in 1973 to regain the Ashes and face a county side under its new banner of Cumbria, and paying their first visit to the Recreation Ground for 17 years.

Under floodlights, on a miserable October evening, they extended their unbeaten stretch to eight matches with a 28-2 scoreline. Bob Nicholson put Cumbria two points ahead with his second penalty attempt in the 22nd minute, but that proved the beginning of the end for Cumbria. From then on, Australia took command and ran in six tries through Goodwin (2), Waite (2), Eadie and Mick Cronin who also added five goals.

Cumbria lost both Paul Charlton and "Boxer" Walker early on — Charlton with rib injuries and "Boxer" after being trampled on, attempting to breach the Aussie line.

CUMBRIA: Charlton (Salford); Davies (Town), Wright (Town), Jackson (Barrow), Risman (Town); Nicholson (Town), Walker (Town); McCourt (Town), Allen (Town), Hogan (Town), McFarlane (Haven), Calvin (Town), Cottier (Haven). Subs.: Thompson (Town) for Charlton, Cunningham (Barrow) for Hogan.

AUSTRALIA: Eadie; Goodwin, Rogers, Cronin, Waite; Branighan, Ward; Beetson, Lang, McCarthy, Randall, Stevens, Pierce.

Workington Town full-back, Paul Charlton, summed up the 1978 defeat by 47-4 at Craven Park, when he said: "It was simply terrible, it was like facing the charge of the Light Brigade . . . alone.

"We didn't run in to meet them, we didn't rough them up enough."

The Aussies posed all the questions as they tore into a 27-4 interval lead, through tries by Graham Olling, Ron Reddy, skipper Bobby Fulton, Steve Rogers and Mick Cronin, who also landed six goals.

Cumbria had no answer to the Australians blistering pace, mighty forward play and scintillating skills every time they attacked.

Cumbria's only reply came through two penalty goals from Workington Town winger, Iain MacCorquodale.

The second half followed much the same pattern when big front-rower, Gilling, dived over for a try between the posts in the second minute, converted by Cronin — his first of four second-half successes.

More tries followed from hooker George Peponis, Fulton, back-row-forward, Geoff Gerard and full-back, Graham Eadie, to complete a totally miserable day for the 5,994 spectators.

CUMBRIA: Charlton (Town); Risman (Town), Stewart (Haven), Wilkins (Town), MacCorquodale (Town); McConnell (Barrow), Walker (Town); S. Hogan (Barrow), McCurrie (Wakefield T.), Bowman (Town), P. Gorley (Town), Kavanagh (Barrow), P. Hogan (Barrow). Subs.: Thompson (Barrow) for Wilkins. Banks (Town) for McCurrie.

AUSTRALIA: Eadie; Boustead, Rogers, Cronin, Anderson; Fulton, Raudonikis; Olling, Peponis, Thomson, Gerard, Reddy, Price. Subs.: Martin for Raudonikis. G. Pierce (not used).

Barrow regained a club fixture against the '82 Australian tourists for the first time in 15 years and took an eighth minute lead with a Tickle penalty and trailed only 2-3 at the break, before the Aussies launched a six-try second-half assault. It was a close affair for 54 minutes, but then the 'Roos began to dominate the scrums and made full use of the extra possession — their points coming from tries by Schubert (2), Conescu, Pearce, Murray, Ella and Rogers. Lewis adding four goals.

BARROW: Tickle; Bentley, McConnell, O'Regan, James; Mason, Cairns; Gee, Wall, Flynn, Gillespie, (Herbert), Szymala, Hadley.

AUSTRALIA: Schubert; Anderson, Miles, Ella, Ribot; Lewis, Murray; Hancock, (Brown), Conescu, Morris, Boyd, (Rogers), Reddy, Pearce.

Cumbria also fell foul to the all-conquering tourists who earned full marks with a superb exhibition of football.

The rampant Aussies put on a nine-try spectacular at Carlisle's Brunton Park. The county played with passion, pride and skill but it wasn't anywhere near good enough to stop a team rewriting the record books.

Australia had touched down twice before Workington Town and Welsh international full-back, Lynn Hopkins, kicked Cumbria's only points. Peter Sterling had put Don McKinnon over from close range in the 15th minute and five minutes later galloped more than 30 yards himself, from a brilliant one handed pass from Pearce.

A three minute spell brought two further tries from winger Ribot to give the visitors a 16-2 interval lead.

The second-half produced two unforgettable tries from Meninga and Pearce. Meninga broke 60 yards for a try after 66 minutes with the kind of pace you don't expect from a man of 15 stones.

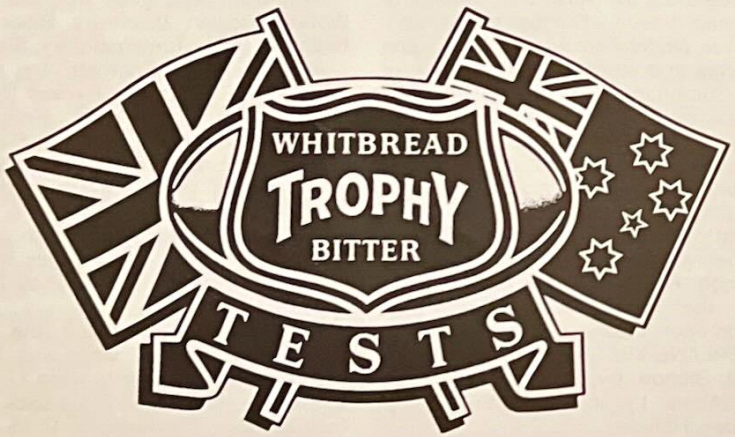
Cairns was unlucky not to claim a deserved try when he dropped the ball as he dived over three minutes from time.

The final word went to loose-forward Pearce, the game's most outstanding performer with a show of direct running and copy book tackling. He sprinted 80 yards for a try in the closing seconds after Cumbrian pressure had brought no reward. Meninga's conversion took his personal tally for the match to 17 points. Boustead and Rogers scored the remaining Aussie tries.

CUMBRIA: Hopkins (Town); Mackie (Haven), Bell (Carlisle), McConnell (Barrow), Moore (Barrow); Mason (Barrow), Cairns (Barrow); Herbert (Barrow), McCurrie (Oldham), Flynn (Barrow), Pattinson (Town), P. Gorley (St. Helens), Hadley (Barrow). Subs.: Beck (Town) for Mason. Hartley (Town) for Pattinson.

AUSTRALIA: Bretnall; Ribot, Ella, Meninga, Boustead; Lewis, Sterling; (Rogers); McKinnon, Krilich, (Price), Hancock, Muggleton, Schubert, Pearce.

So there we have just a flavour of what's gone before. Can Cumbria overcome Australia for the first time since 1967 or will the Aussies extend their run of successes? All will be revealed as tonight's chapter unfolds.



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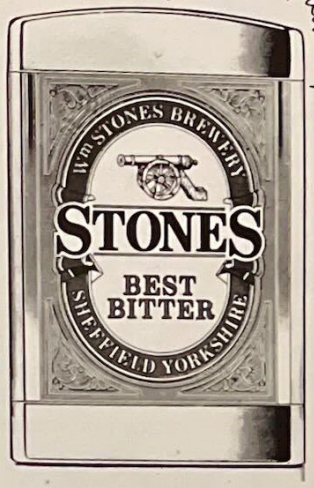

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